



**Sustainable Arlington
An Environment Committee of Envision Arlington
Agenda**

Date: Wednesday, January 27, 2021

Time: 7:30 – 9:00 pm

Location: Virtual Meeting by Zoom

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At the start of the meeting, we will:

1. Confirm first and last name of everyone on the call for the minutes and make sure that everyone can hear each other
2. Read Preamble to Remote Meetings
3. Introduce all members, staff, and persons on the agenda
4. Review “ground rules” for online meetings
5. Meeting materials will be available online through Novus or Town website for the public

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1. Introductions
2. Update from Planning Dept.
3. Approve December minutes, read here: [SusArl.12.16.2020.Minutes.docx](#)
4. New Sustainable Arlington co-chair nomination, Tom Ehbrecht, read here: [Tom Ehbrecht, co-chair statement of interest](#)
5. Tech 101: Solar-Assisted Hot Water for Home Use, John Moore, Architect, New England Solar Hot Water (an Arlington-Winchester HeatSmart 2020 participant)
6. State climate and energy legislation update
7. Vote on support for Emergency Arlington’s proposed warrant article regarding a Declaration of Climate Emergency for Arlington, MA. Warrant article here: [A Declaration of Climate Emergency for Arlington \(2021\)](#) Background here: [Emergency Arlington](#)
8. New business
9. Announcements
 - a. Fill out the **Mystic Charles Pollinator Pathways Map Home Garden Survey**. Help record pollinator gardens in our region to fill in the gaps on the pollinator pathways. Questions: mysticcharles.pollinatorpaths@gmail.com.

- b. Update on **26-acre Cambridge construction project across from Alewife, Mugar Wetlands**: Alewife Study Group, Sun., Jan. 31, 4:30 - 6 pm, register: <http://alewife.org/event/asg-community-meeting/>
- c. **Net Zero Pathways and Opportunities** under the Biden-Harris Administration: Prospects for Community Climate Action, Feb. 16, 6-7:10 pm, [Webinar Registration](#)
- d. Save the Date: Sustainable Middlesex, **Carbon Countdown 2021**, Sat., March 13, 9:30-11:30 am

10. Adjourn

New resources:

- [Climate Emergency: Feedback Loops](#), The Earth is warming the Earth. In this series of five short films, learn why natural warming loops have scientists alarmed—and why we have less time than we think. Featuring the Dalai Lama, Greta Thunberg, and climate scientists you know.
- A new report from a CSSN [Climate Social Science Network] research team analyzing climate and energy lobbying records details the actors working against climate action in Massachusetts. The study reveals four lobbying coalitions against climate action, and that utilities are uniquely powerful on Beacon Hill. The study provides insights for state level climate action and a new set of tools to research them. ([access here](#)) ([press release](#))

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